

Report to the Governor and the Legislative Council
Indiana Small Business Incubator Program

In 1989 the Indiana General Assembly created the Small Business Incubator Program. The Indiana Small Business Development Corporation (ISBDC) was given the administrative responsibility for the program to provide grants, loans, or loan guarantees to for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to establish local business incubators. The Indiana Economic Development Council (the Council) assumed administrative responsibility for the program when the operations of the ISBDC were incorporated into the Council. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) assumed responsibility for the program when HEA 1003 – 2005 abolished the Council as an independent entity and transferred responsibility for its mission to the IEDC. The IEDC currently does not receive an appropriation for the management of the program.

Pursuant to IC 5-28-21-21, the IEDC provides the following report on the activities of the program:

Number of Applications for Incubators Received by the IEDC

The IEDC has received no applications for new incubators.

Number of Applications for Incubators Approved by the IEDC

Since no applications for new incubators have been received, the IEDC has not approved any applications.

Number of Incubators Created under this Chapter

Since the inception of the Small Business Incubator Program, a total of seven (7) incubators have been created. All incubators were created prior to the IEDC. Incubators were established in Bloomington, Elkhart, Evansville, Gary, Madison, New Albany, and South Bend. The incubator in Gary has discontinued operations. The incubators in Bloomington, Elkhart, New Albany, and South Bend continue to operate, but there are currently no active loans or grants with those incubators. IEDC currently manages active loans with incubators in Evansville and Madison.

Number of Tenants Occupying Each Incubator

Based on the records available for the program, the IEDC cannot accurately state how many tenants occupy each incubator. Under prior management of the program, this information was not regularly monitored, and current incubators do not report this information to the IEDC.

Occupancy Rate of Each Incubator

Based on the records available for the program, the IEDC cannot accurately state the occupancy rate for each incubator. Under prior management of the program, this information was not regularly monitored, and current incubators do not report this information to the IEDC.

Number of Jobs Provided by Each Incubator and the Tenants of Each Incubator

Based on the records available for the program, the IEDC cannot accurately state the number of jobs created by each incubator and the tenants of each incubator. Under prior management of the program, this information was not regularly monitored, and current incubators do not report this information to the IEDC.

Number of Firms Still Operating in Indiana after Leaving Incubators and the Number of Jobs Provided by those Firms

Based on the records available for the program, the IEDC cannot accurately state how many firms have remained in the state after leaving incubators created under this program or how many jobs those companies currently represent. Under prior management of the program, this information was not regularly monitored, and current incubators do not report this information to the IEDC.

Respectfully submitted,

Indiana Economic Development Corporation